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Dates to Remember:

- Sept. 2 — Labor Day weekend
- Sept. 7-8 — Commission on Church & Ministry
- Sept. 15 — Southern Alabama Area Council with John Crozier from India and K. C. Johnson, Southern Regional Secretary of Stewardship Council, as guest leaders, Montgomery, Ala.
- Sept. 16 — 50th Anniversary of First Church, Roanoke, Ala.
- Sept. 16, 7 p. m. — Executive Committee, Southeast Conference
- Sept. 17, 10 a. m. — Board of Directors, S. E. Conference
- Sept. 21-22 — Board of Directors, Upland Retirement Center
- Sept. 23-29 — Christian Education Week
- Sept. 29 — Ala.-Tenn. Assn., First Church, Nashville
- Oct. 6 — N. Ala. Assn., Mt. Lebanon Church, Steele, Ala.
- Oct. 7 — World-wide Communion Sunday and Neighbors in Need Offering

Use Check List:

- ☐ Are you using TIME TO REJOICE, the set of multi-media materials on the mission of the church?
- ☐ Are you participating in the "Neighbors in Need" offering suggested for World Communion Sunday, Oct. 7?
- ☐ Is your 1974 budget ready and are the plans made for your Christian Enlistment on Sunday, Nov. 11, or near that date?
- ☐ Did your church receive a suggested OCWM goal for 1974? If not, write the Chairman of Outreach Committee in your Association or the Conference office.
- ☐ Has your church school reviewed several curriculums? The United Church curriculum has "Growing as a Christian" as its fall theme. Have you heard of the Shalom Curriculum?
- ☐ Have you ordered "Laity Resources" Subscription \$5.00 from Central Distribution Center, P. O. Box 7286, St. Louis, Mo. 63177.

Moderator Boothby Challenges Southeast Conference

"This annual meeting of the Southeast Conference (June, 1973) has been one of the most productive I have ever attended. Everyone should realize that the delegates approved a long-range plan of six steps which will require the hard work, dedication and prayers of every church and every member in those churches, to carry out.

The officers and the Board of Directors cannot begin to put even the first step into motion without tremendous assistance from all our churches.

A budget of \$58,000.00 O. C. W. M. was approved. Anyone who has ever worked on a church budget knows that the only way to reach such a goal is for everyone to join in. Last, but not least, the delegates approved a challenge goal of \$89,000.00 as our Conference's share of the A. M. A. College '17-76 Fund Drive. The officers and the Board of Directors can and will organize this drive but the achievement of our goal will be realized by the individuals and their churches.

As the first long-range goal states "Growing in a Sense of Oneness", we must become one in the United Church of Christ and we must start growing. All of us together can do it. Our Conference needs your support."

- ☐ Are you using October issue of A. D. to tell the story of the Mission of the Church?
- ☐ Materials for Laity Sunday, Oct. 14, can be ordered from 297 Park Ave. South, New York, N. Y. 10010.
- ☐ Materials for Youth Week, Oct. 28-Nov. 4, can be ordered from Division of Youth Activities, 1312 Massachusetts Ave. N. W., Washington, D. C. 20005.
- ☐ Do you get "Share" for Church School teachers and leaders? Order from Periodical Department, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19102.

Order Sunday Bulletins

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UCC SYNOD STRIKES PILGRIM NOTE



SINGING STONES BAND



President Moss and Michael Whiterabbit, CAIM Chairman

It was the Pilgrim Synod — the Synod of '73 — from the keynote address by President Robert V. Moss to the singing of the Pilgrim Song at the closing of worship service.

"When a people go on pilgrimage they need a vision," President Moss told the delegates. And the vision of the delegates encompassed the first major structural changes in the United Church of Christ since its adoption.

The Ninth General Synod voted to establish an Office of Church Life and Leadership combining the work of the Council for Church and Ministry, Council for Lay Life and Work, Committee on Theological Education, the Theological Commission, and Commission on Worship.

The action, which must be ratified by two-thirds of the conferences, was based on a report of the Task Force on Leadership Development established by

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the Eighth General Synod to find ways to "assist in the development of local church leadership, both lay and clergy."

The United Church was the first to create a co-educational lay organization at the national level, and again leads the way in the movement to bring clergy and laity closer together.

"It's a long way," one delegate commented, "from the early New England church with the pulpit high above the heads of the congregation to this new conception of church leadership."

A CENTER FOR SOCIAL ACTION

The Synod had before it a proposal to replace the present Council for Christian Social Action with a "developmental body" — the Center for Social Action — which is to develop plans for the future direction of social action in the United Church.

In offering the plans for the new center, the Executive Council called it "a new commitment to social education and action." Coordination of national social action programs, provision of resources for local and conference action, increased use of expertise among the members and service in an "ombudsman" role for minority groups are among the aims.

KINDRED CHAIRPERSON

The language of the United Church Constitution and Bylaws got its first major overhaul as the Pilgrim Mothers moved into action. Line by line, the words that assume that all people are men were changed or removed from the document. "Chairman" becomes "chairperson" and "he" is changed to "he or she" or the title of the office is used.

The preamble now reads this way: "The United Church of Christ acknowledges as its sole Head, Jesus Christ, Son of God and Savior. It acknowledges as kindred in Christ all who share in this confession."

The Synod committed itself to and commended to every church, association and conference the "elimination of sex and race discrimination in every area of its life," and called for a "deliberate effort" to employ more women on national and conference staff, as pastors, and as seminary administrators and faculty.

PILGRIMAGE BY PLANE

In a dramatic show of commitment to non-violent action, the Synod commissioned a plane load of 95 pilgrims — delegates and visitors to the Synod — to join Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers on the picket line in the vineyards of Coachella Valley in California. Rev. Andrew Cooper, Birmingham, Ala., was in the group.

The action was taken by the Synod, following reports of violence instigated by Teamsters Union strike breakers, to "give physical and visible witness." And the physical witness was visible to the whole Synod when the pilgrims returned from



CHAPLAIN PEGGY WAY

their day of picketing in 100 degree heat, tired and dirty but singing and clapping in the rhythms they learned from the Chicanos who welcomed them to the danger zone.

IN THE PILGRIM TRADITION

The tradition of a free press which the English Puritans brought to New England's shores was followed and expanded in the adoption of a statement on "Freedom of the Press and the Right of the People to Know." The Synod voted unanimously to "preserve freedom of speech and of the press, to protect the people's right to information on matters of public concern and to guarantee access to the means of communication for organizations and individuals."

RIGHT TO DIE

Another breakthrough on the Pilgrim way was adoption of a pronouncement on the right of a terminally ill patient to die with dignity. Proposed by the Council for Christian Social Action and somewhat modified by the delegates, the statement is designed to bring the theological perspective on dying into relation with the tremendous progress of medical science in recent decades.

THE PILGRIM PROCESS

A new adventure for the Synod delegates was "the process." The Synod was divided into 39 small groups for study and action on as many issues. All of the issues did not reach the Synod floor for a decisive vote. Some 20 were referred to the Executive Council for future consideration.

Among actions taken, they:

- reaffirmed the position of the Eighth General Synod that instrumentalities should use the leverage of their investment to press American companies in South Africa to challenge "repressive and unjust conditions."

- approved in principle the report on ministries to military personnel and asked for a final report for the next Synod;

- adopted a statement on economic justice including approval of a guaranteed annual income of \$7,214 for a family of four and support for organization of household employees;

- called for an end to bombing in Cambodia and reconstruction of Southeast Asia;

- asked the Executive Council to provide bail for the eight young Blacks and one white woman who are in jail as a result

of racial disturbances in Wilmington, N. C.;

- reaffirmed the position on unconditional amnesty taken by the Seventh and Eighth Synods;

- asserted the confidentiality of communications made to an ordained minister or lay pastor in his or her professional capacity;

- called for a "high priority" for vangelistic witness as the "costly and joyous response of the people to God's acts in Christ;"

- expressed concern for the moral breakdown in society;

- opposed capital punishment and employment discrimination against ex-offenders, and

- voted to supplement the pensions of ministers 70 and over with 30 years of dues-paying membership in the funds to bring them to \$2,400.

High points of the Synod were the passing of the moderator's cross from the Rev. David G. Colwell to Judge Margaret A. Haywood, first black woman moderator of a major denomination; presentation of the Jackie Robinson Award to Mrs. Roberto Clemente, the Shinn Memorial Award to the wife of the late John Shinn, CCSA chairman; a special CRJ award and the Church Leadership Award to the Rev. Everett C. Parker for defense of citizen rights and racial justice in broadcasting — and every day the exciting worship services led by the Rev. Ms. Peggy Way with the "reverent jazz" of the Singing Stones.

An outstanding event of the Synod was the Sunday service of worship held in the St. Louis Roman Catholic Cathedral. More than 2,500 persons crowded the huge sanctuary to hear a combined choir representing twelve St. Louis congregations in a performance of "The Beatitudes" by Camile Van Hulse and to listen to the sermon by Dr. Joseph Evans, Secretary of the United Church of Christ, on "Trust and Affirmation."



Service in Roman Catholic Cathedral

Summer Schedule Full For United Church, Huntsville

The first week in July, 30 young people and leaders from the Morgan-Scott Project for Cooperative Christian Concerns, located at Deer Lodge, Tenn., came to United Church and spent 3 days with their young people. They enjoyed a cookout and a visit to the Alabama Space and Rocket Center, plus a tour of The Marshall Space Flight Center. The Board of Benevolence and Counsel acted as hosts.

Rev. and Mrs. Tuttle were absent from Huntsville from July 11-28, when Mr. Tuttle acted as a member of the faculty of the LaForet Conference on Evangelism at LaForet, Colorado.

Sunday, July 15, Mr. Roy Meinke, former Moderator and now Enabler for the Ala.-Tenn. Assn., delivered the sermon.

Sunday, July 22, Rev. Robert Gonia, Director of Aging for the Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments, preached.

An Afro-American Looks At Africa

Dr. Richard Stenhouse, a minister and professor from Atlanta, Georgia, went to Ghana a year ago as a missionary of our United Church Board for World Ministries to teach at the Peki Training Center. Dr. Stenhouse recently spoke to a group of visitors about his work with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ghana, our denominational partner in that country. He told them that Americans must be cautious about making generalizations about Africa. What one says is very tentative and much like the rapidly changing events in Ghana.

The assessment of time is important to the African. He does not think that everything ought to be done in the next ten minutes or in twenty-four hours. A basic unity prevails, Dr. Stenhouse said, between the land and the people, for their survival is dependent upon the land and the Ghanaians believe that the land is sufficient for their needs.

Speaking about the church, Dr. Stenhouse emphatically stated that a deep underlying spirituality exists within the people and is very real. Many get up at 4 o'clock in the morning to begin their day with worship. He went on to point out that the church in Ghana is still preoccupied with its past and continues to embrace the German view of missionaries who founded the church more than a hundred years ago. Dr. Stenhouse said that the whole missionary enterprise is in serious need of new thinking. "Paternalism is a present danger. The natal cord must be cut! Teaching people about liberation and how to achieve it is the real business of the church in Africa and elsewhere," he noted.

H. Y. Sears, Minister In SE, Passes After Illness

Rev. Herman Yancy Sears, 70, of Pearson, Georgia, died July 25, 1973, after an extended illness at home and in the hospital.

Funeral services were held at Union Hill Congregational Christian Church, with Rev. Robert Hendrix and Rev. T. G. Hamilton officiating.

Mr. Sears, a retired tree farmer, was a native of Coffee County, a member of Union Hill Church, Masonic Lodge, and the Order of Eastern Star, being past Worthy Patron.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Evelyn James Sears, living at Pearson; one son, three daughters, 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. Sears was formerly pastor at Union Hill and served other churches in the Conference on a part-time basis.

Active Layman Dies In E. Tallassee

Mr. Marrell Thomas Rhodes, 42, a life-long resident of E. Tallassee, died July 23, 1973 in a Montgomery hospital after a brief illness. Funeral services were held in the E. Tallassee Congregational Christian Church with the Rev. Norman B. Steinig and Rev. Floyd Carmack officiating.

Mr. Rhodes was Moderator and Sunday School Superintendent of the church and his wife, Mrs. Challis Scoggins Rhodes, was for several years Secretary of the Southeast Conference. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to his family.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our sympathy to Dr. Simon A. Bennett on the loss of his wife, Rita, sometime in February. Dr. Bennett is living with his daughter and can be reached at 3249 E. Pima, Tucson, Arizona 85716.

Rev. Herbert Long, pastor of First Congregational Church in Memphis, is recuperating at home following a recent heart attack.

Antioch Church, Andalusia, Alabama, will celebrate its 100th anniversary on November 11, 1973. Former pastors, members and friends are invited to share in this occasion.

—Mrs. Virada Brand

First Church, Roanoke, Alabama, celebrates its 50th anniversary on Sunday, September 16, 1973. Former pastors and members will share in the occasion. Rev. Joe A. French is the pastor.

Don Orander Leaves Nashville Church

Rev. Don Orander closes out his ministry at Brookmeade Church, Nashville, Sept. 2, 1973. He has accepted a call to be the pastor of the Eden Church, Muncie, Indiana. During his four years at Brookmeade, the church has undergone a self-study to determine the future of that church. The church reduced its call upon a fulltime minister and members shared more fully in the ministry when Mr. Orander entered the chaplaincy training program at Vanderbilt Hospital a year ago. Study is under way now as to the future program of ministry at Brookmeade. Every member is considered a minister at Brookmeade.

The church is now making payments on church property and buildings.

Mr. Orander has served for several years as Moderator of the Ala.-Tenn. Association and in so doing has visited churches, promoted programs and enabled the Association to become better organized and to function more properly.

Mr. Orander's ministry included his work as secretary of the Southeast Conference, program chairman for the Conference, and many other services for the Conferences.

His ministry among us has been helpful and fruitful. Our prayers and best wishes go with him and his family to Indiana.

Uplands Chooses New Director

The Rev. Lawrence N. Strunk of Hagerstown, Maryland, has been elected executive director of Uplands Retirement Center, Pleasant Hill, Tenn. The Rev. Wayne Peck will become Director of Development.

Mr. Strunk, who has been pastor of Christ Church UCC in Hagerstown, will begin his new duties September 15. A graduate of Catawba College and Lancaster Seminary, Mr. Strunk is a former pastor of St. Johns UCC, Kannapolis.

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Times And Places Of Association Meetings

Ala.-Tenn. Saturday, Sept. 29, 1973, 10 a. m. at 1st Church, Nashville

N. Ala. Saturday, Oct. 6, 1973, 9:30 a. m. at Mt. Lebanon Church, Steele, Alabama

E. Ala. Wednesday, Oct. 10, 1973, 10 a. m. at Lanett Church, and Thursday, Oct. 11, 1973, 10 a. m., at United Congregational Christian Church, LaGrange, Ga.

S. Ala. Saturday, Oct. 20, 1973, 10 a. m. at Blackwood Church, Headland, Ala.

Central Ala. Sunday, Oct. 21, 1973, 2:30 p. m. at Mt. Olive Church, Tallassee, Ala.

Ga.-S. C. Saturday, Oct. 27, 1973, 10 a. m. at 1st Church, Savannah, Ga.; also Sunday morning, Oct. 28

Also, the Southern Alabama Area Council meets Saturday, Sept. 15, in Montgomery.

A Pre-Health Career Program At Tougaloo

Tougaloo College, near Jackson, Mississippi, is one of the six predominantly black colleges of the American Missionary Association. The A. M. A., which founded over 500 schools in the South after the Civil War, is now an integral part of our United Church Board for Homeland Ministries.

Noting the fact that in the United States there is one white doctor for every 700 whites, but only one black doctor for every 5,000 blacks, and that in Mississippi there is even a greater gap in the ratio — one black doctor for every 20,000 black Mississippians — Tougaloo College determined to encourage black students to go into medicine and other health careers.

At present, nearly one student in five at Tougaloo belongs to the Pre-Health Club. From Tougaloo, students have gone out to participate in a variety of college — and university — sponsored summer health programs throughout the South. A year ago, Tougaloo began its own summer health program with twenty-nine students working side-by-side with black physicians throughout Mississippi and in comprehensive health-care centers, hospitals, and health departments. In addition to gaining valuable experience, the students earned \$1,100 each for their summer's work, a real help since 90 percent of Tougaloo's students need some sort of financial help in order to go to college. Currently nearly 40 Tougaloo graduates are enrolled in medical and dental schools across the country.

A fine campus, with a new library, dormitories, and science building, makes Tougaloo the first choice for many Mississippi young people. When your congregation participates in the 17-76 Achievement Fund in 1974-75, Tougaloo will be one of the recipients.

Delegates Report To Pleasant Hill Church On Southeast Conference

At the morning service of June 24, delegates to the annual meeting of S. E. Conference reported to the congregation.

Moderator Lois Huebenthal described Southern Union College at Wadley, a former Christian Church supported school, as a modern, well-equipped institution that provided excellent facilities for the meetings. The delegates, she said, were interracial and included a goodly number of young people keenly interested in the church. She was especially impressed by the music director, Franklin Thomas, a Black who is personnel director for the city of Atlanta and who was elected vice-moderator of the Conference. She also spoke of Yvonne Delk of Philadelphia, a vivacious Black, who introduced the new Shalom curriculum.

Viola Cunningham attended the session on Long Range Planning. She can understand the struggles of Southeast Conference, she said, with its small and poor churches, for she has been a member of this Conference for over 30 years. In South Alabama many churches have no trained professional leadership. She listed the goals the conference adopted for the next year or two. She especially enjoyed the get-acquainted small group sessions in which delegates discussed the problems and goals of their home churches.

The Outreach Committee session, which Beth Kinnear attended, dealt with the program of Identity. The matter of confusion in the popular mind between the United Church of Christ and the Church of Christ, due to the similarities in their names, was discussed. Helps in introducing the UCC through radio and newspaper advertising and printed materials are available, and the possibility of churches launching a vigorous identity program to tell what the UCC is and what it stands for was suggested.

Curt Schumacher attended the Resolutions Committee meeting. He felt that the resolutions as presented could have been more firm and positive, and he would have liked for the meeting to have been less unstructured and the reports of delegates scheduled at a time when there could have been time for discussion.

Grace Frauens attended the session on Older Adults in the Church, chaired by Walter Hall, and heard the need expressed to keep older people in the church active and involved, lest they feel unneeded and unwanted; also the need was recognized for preparing middle-aged members for the time when they will be "old".

Attending the session on Shalom, Karen Strong liked it so much that she stayed for the second hour. She wishes that all of the

The Morgan-Scott Project, Deer Lodge, Tenn.

Deer Lodge is located on the Appalachian plateau in eastern Tennessee. The needs of this area are great. The usual social services and health services are almost non-existent. The housing is the worst in this part of the state. Jobs are scarce and employ mostly women. A high percentage of men have practical skills which are unmarketable. All of this contributes to a great loss in personal dignity and hope. There are no doctors in Morgan County. Educational facilities are minimal.

In this two-county area our United Church Board for Homeland Ministries and Southeast Conference have joined with United Methodists, United Presbyterians, Episcopalians, and Roman Catholics, to create the Morgan-Scott Project, a cooperative ministry which will provide maximum full-time pastoral leadership, enable spiritual and educational growth in the churches, and promote self-development in economic endeavors, health needs, and social and physical needs. The Board plans to invest \$4,500 in budgeted funds and \$9,000 in Family Thank Offering gifts in this project over the next three years.

Task forces have already been at work developing a comprehensive health care delivery system at the request of the Morgan County Health Council, organizing a day-care center, monthly church-evaluation-leadership seminars, and a cooperative youth planning council. A summer program was developed, as were programs for senior citizens and an economic development council in cooperation with the University of Tennessee and the Oak Ridge Atomic Energy Facility.

Three United Church of Christ churches in the area have spearheaded this Cooperative Ministry: Deer Lodge, Glen Mary, and Robbins.

U. C. C. churches would adopt the ideal of Shalom — the concept of peace, not only personal and national, but a wholeness and fulfillment for every church and individual in it.

James Kinnear met with a group of twelve to discuss the para-normal, as developed in the Discovery Fellowship. T. C. Braun heard lively discussions in the Social Action session on whether or not the church should take a stand on controversial social problems in which members may hold conflicting opinions. Viola Braun heard Emily Lester tell about active Women's Fellowship groups in our church, show some of the Bible and other study courses used by them. Wayne Peck told the whole assembly about Uplands and Wharton Home.

Peggy Hall's term as moderator ended with this meeting but she is still a member of the Board.

Lanett Changes Set-Up Of Children's Department

At their Board of Christian Education meeting in July, the possibility of changing the set-up of the Children's Department of the Sunday School to the following suggested pattern was proposed:

Goals: Teach the Word of God; teach Christian values

Prepare the pupils to share their faith with parents and their peers

Teach social and moral standards

Lead the pupils to Christ

How to achieve these goals?

Seek to win the confidence of the pupils

Use more audio-visual aids as well as a variety of materials and methods

Plan teacher training sessions

Plan visitation of the homes of pupils

Help provide transportation for children and adults who need it

Engage in long-range planning

The new plan for their Sunday School is to have Learning and Activity centers. The time would be set up as follows:

I OPENING SESSIONS providing singing and activities all the children can participate in

II LEARNING SESSIONS (20 minutes) in three groups:

1. Grades 1 and 2

2. Grades 3 and 4

3. Grades 5 and 6

III ACTIVITY TIME (20 minutes)

Activities for each of the groups: handwork, puppet stories, short plays, group working together on some specific project (like a Palestinian village scene, etc.) These activities will be related to particular lessons or to the theme of the quarter.

IV CLOSING TIME

This may be a brief time when pupils can share what they have learned and have been doing. As the new set-up develops, this period can be optional and may be done once a month instead of each Sunday.

For this new set-up, they will need teachers and persons to plan and lead in the activity centers. They want TEAM TEACHERS for the Learning Centers. Two persons for each group. Because the learning time is limited to 20 minutes, the learning time should be well planned. Likewise, the Activity Centers should have a team of two persons. Teachers from the Learning Centers can also help in the activities, especially with the smaller children who often need individual attention.

ADD IT UP — They need no less than 12 persons to staff their Children's Department. Because they operate on a quarterly basis, they point out that teachers could consider teaching or helping in the Activity Centers for at least one quarter.

A Worship Experience

It was our privilege to visit and worship with the LaGrange Hillside Congregational Christian people Sunday morning, August 26.

We were very much impressed with the appropriate and impressive service. One part of the worship was the dedication of the Sunday School leaders for the year 1973-1974, which begins September 2. Of the 30 officers listed in the bulletin, who are to serve next year, 26 of them were present and stood before the congregation as they were inducted into their office. This is excellent attendance for that many officers for this kind of a recognition service.

Following the installation of the Sunday School officers, the Rev. W. David Chandler, the new pastor of the congregation, preached the sermon on "Total Teaching," using as his text James 3:1-5. The message, although directed mainly to the new officers, was equally appropriate for the entire congregation.

Another very fine factor was that the worship service was led by a lay member of the church, Mr. Emmett Davis, who was most efficient in his leadership.

The adult choir has recently purchased beautiful robes and helped make the worship meaningful by their processional as they led the congregation in singing the opening hymn.

We predict a progressive program of achievement for the Hillside church under the leadership of the Rev. David Chandler.

Joe and Anna French

Charles Burns To Become Florida Conference Minister

Dr. Charles L. Burns, who became president of the Ohio Conference in 1970, has resigned to accept the position of Conference Minister in Florida. Dr. Burns will assume his new position during the late months of the summer.

Chuck came to Ohio from a position as executive of the Colorado Conference. He also served in both the Northern and Southern California Conferences. He served parishes in Illinois and California.

Social Security To Clergy

Clergy who are now in the Social Security System as self-employed persons are required to pay the full share of the cost. But a bill introduced into the House of Representatives by J. Edward Roush (D. Ind.) would amend the Social Security Act to allow clergy to be treated as employed persons with the costs of Social Security to be shared by both employee and employer.

The amendment, however, would allow for a voluntary agreement between a minister and his congregation to continue his status as self-employed if he so desires.

Sills Becomes Conference Minister

The Rev. Horace S. Sills will be installed as president of the Penn Central Conference of the United Church of Christ in a special service in Harrisburg, Pa., Sunday, Sept. 30, 1973.

The Rev. Mr. Sills has for the past two years been vice-president of Lancaster Theological Seminary of the United Church of Christ. Previously he had been president of the UCC's Penn West Conference, a national staff member of the UCC Board for Homeland Ministries (a seven-year period during which he lived in Lancaster), and a parish pastor of churches in North Carolina and Florida.

The installation service will be held in the Colonial Park United Church of Christ, 5000 Devonshire Rd., Harrisburg.

The Rev. Dr. Robert V. Moss Jr., president of the United Church of Christ and a former president of Lancaster Theological Seminary, will preach the installation sermon, "Leadership of a New Day."

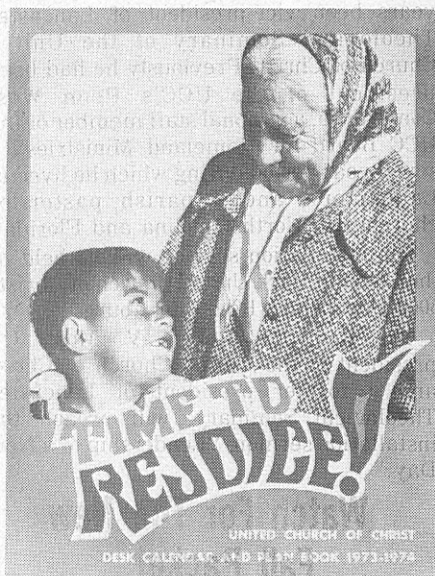
Watch For The New Fall Packet

Announcement of a new multi-media set of materials on the work of the United Church of Christ, "Time to Rejoice!", will be featured in the Stewardship Council Fall Packet, 1973, which will arrive at your church this month.

"Time to Rejoice!" is produced to help the members of local congregations become excited about their part in the life and work of the United Church of Christ and to encourage them to provide more support for Christian ministry — locally, nationally, and globally. The multi-media set will include: a manual for the complete set of materials, a sound filmstrip for the congregation, a sound filmstrip for key leaders, work-sheets for key leaders, ready-to-use mimeograph stencils containing OCWM information, colorful posters on the mission of the church, and a listing of additional materials that can help people to learn more about the mission of the church. Congregations are invited to order a free set of the material using the order form included in the Fall Packet, 1973.

In addition, the packet will feature new theme material for the Christian Enlistment. The 1973 theme is "you have Response-Ability." Moments of Concern are also included in the packet. Many congregations are discovering that in addition to the single copy of the packet sent to the church, they should order additional packets for key leaders. The packets can be ordered from the Stewardship Council, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19102. The price is \$1.00 each.

Watch For New Desk Calendar, Plan Book



Are you one of the 16,000 lay persons using the Desk Calendar and Plan Book this year? Was your church one of several thousand that ordered additional copies for leaders and committee people?

Long one of the most popular publications of the United Church of Christ, the Desk Calendar and Plan Book is used by more and more people each year. The new calendar for 1973-74 is now available, and can be ordered for \$1.25 per copy from the Stewardship Council, Literature Distribution Service, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19102. Early orders assure that you will get a calendar and that you will have it well before September 1, the date when its calendar pages begin.

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Service provides two series of bulletins: Christus and FOCUS. The front page is graphically designed in the Christus series. The front page on the Focus series is photographic. The back cover includes a story of mission and an interpretation based on one of the Scripture readings for the day. Samples and orders can be secured from Distribution Service, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19102.

Use the Desk Calendar and Plan Book, 1973-74

All pastors should have one. On the front cover, "Time to Rejoice," is a photo of a woman and her great-grandson who live in a community in Colorado that is served by a community center made possible through the United Church of Christ.

Calling A Physician-Surgeon

The United Church Board for World Ministries is calling for a physician-surgeon with a broad enough experience to do general practice and surgery, to work with one other doctor in Willis F. Pierce Memorial Hospital, Mt. Silinda, Rhodesia, which has 116 beds — four wards: men, women, children and maternity, plus a 60-bed TB sanatorium and an orphanage. Assist in nurses training course including 40 students.

The hospital and schools are controlled by the United Church of Christ in Rhodesia, an African organization.

Any interested person can write for further information to:

Overseas Personnel Office
U. C. Bd. for World Ministries
16th Floor
475 Riverside Drive
New York, New York 10027

Calling A Physician

The United Church Board for World Ministries is calling for a physician with some preparation or interest in public health, to be the only doctor serving the 30-bed Sister Buck Memorial Hospital, Chikore, Rhodesia, and supervising several rural clinics in the area and their Community Health Program.

Anyone interested can write for further information to above address.

New Dimension On Station

WRSA, Huntsville, Ala.

Rev. Henry W. Tuttle is conducting a series of broadcasts over Radio Station WRSA, Huntsville. Acting as host and producer, he talks each week with persons from various walks of life about their jobs, hobbies, hopes and dreams for that part of the country. The intent of the program provides an opportunity for people to express their feelings about the community and to help in building pride in the region as well as examining its needs.

Mr. Tuttle's guests so far have been:

July 8 — Mr. Walter Jackson, president of the Henderson National Bank

July 15 — Nancy Compton Warmbrod, poet

July 22 — Rev. Robert Butziger, director of the Morgan-Scott Project

July 29 — Rev. Robert Gonia, Director of Aging, Regional Governments

Aug. 5 — Mr. Edward Buckbee, Director Alabama Space & Rocket Center

OBSERVE LAITY SUNDAY

October 14, 1973

Suggested Theme: "Choose Life"

Scripture: Deuteronomy 30:11-20

The worship-program book, "Choose Life," (in Laity Resources for 1973-74 or 75c from Central Distribution Service, Box 7286, St. Louis, Mo. 63177) is a helpful resource for the lay person to use in preparing the service.

A new "Exploration in Faith" on the theme Choose Life (25c from CDS) provides for a Faith Exploration in a local church on that subject.

Suggestions for this observance have gone to each pastor in a letter from Hart Helmich, executive of the Council for Lay Life and Work. Additional copies of the Laity Sunday folder may be secured from CLLW, 297 Park Ave. S., New York, N. Y. 10010.

Whatever your church chooses to do on Laity Sunday, please be sure to include men and women, young and old, and make it a service which will be remembered.

Time To Dedicate Family Thank Offering

The fall is the usual time for Family Thank Offering "ingathering" and dedication services. Such a service is outlined in With Heart — With Mind for 1973 (in Fall Packet of Laity Resources for 1972-73), or free from Central Distribution Service, Box 7386, St. Louis Mo. 63177).

In the same booklet you will find information to provide background material for presentations on the three projects for which the 1973 money will go:

1. Education to Enable Freedom:
Angola and Togo \$90,000
2. United Church Ministry in Appalachia 90,000
3. Hunger in America 60,000

In 1972 the Family Thank Offering went "over the top" with all three projects being paid in full and a balance of more than \$30,000 which was voted to be applied to the priority fund. Churches in the Southeast Conference gave \$886.15 to the United Church of Christ Thank Offering projects. We rejoice that the total received nationally was \$264,297.32, or nearly \$16,000 more than was received in 1971! Let's do our part toward bettering that record in 1973 and thus "choose life" for young people in Angola and Togo, for people in Appalachia, and for the hungry in the United States.